

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed January 23, 2008 and Advisory Action mailed March 17, 2008. At the time of the Final Office Action, Claims 1, 3-6, 9, 11, and 13-17 were pending in this Application. Claims 2, 7, 8, 10, and 12 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 3-6, 9, 11, and 13-17 were rejected. Applicant amended Claims 1, 6, and 11. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 2, 6-8, 11, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated U.S. Patent 6,545,852 issued to James H. Arnold ("Arnold"). Applicant respectfully traverse and submits the cited art does not teach all of the elements of the claimed embodiment of the invention.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 U.S.P.Q.2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Furthermore, "the identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co. Ltd.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 U.S.P.Q.2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). Applicant respectfully submits that the cited art as anticipated by the Examiner cannot anticipate the rejected Claims, because the cited art does not show all the elements of the present Claims.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner stated that amplification of any electrical signal is inherently disclosed by *Arnold*. Applicant amended the claims in accordance with the specification. The present invention is particularly directed to circuit arrangements, for example as applied in vehicles, that comprise a power amplification circuit operable to amplify a disturbance of a control signal such that the output signal of the power amplifier is actuating the load. *See*, specification, for example, page 8, paragraph [0032].

The inherently disclosed amplification of *Arnold* does not disclose this specific functionality. At best, *Arnold* discloses normal buffer stages that do not cause the above

described scenario. In particular, *Arnold* neither discloses nor suggests the use of an amplifier that is capable of amplifying disturbances to the claimed degree. Hence, the independent claims are not anticipated by *Arnold*.

Hence, Applicant believes that Arnold does not anticipate the present independent claims as amended. Applicant respectfully submits that the dependent Claims are allowable at least to the extent of the independent Claim to which they refer, respectively. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the dependent Claims. Applicant reserves the right to make further arguments regarding the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 or §103(a), if necessary, and do not concede that the Examiner's proposed combinations are proper.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

Applicant submits herewith a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$810.00 filing fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicant submits herewith a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time Request, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$120.00 filing fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

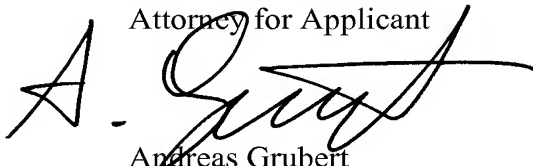
CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the remarks set forth above. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of all pending Claims as amended.

Applicant believes there are no fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicant's attorney at 512.322.2545.

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